(SRI T. R. SHAMANNA)

(*b*) whether an assurance was not given at the time of inauration of the Board that the scheme would be completed in 5 to 6 years;

(*c*) if so, the stage of the work now;

(*d*) the definite period by which the Cauvery Water will be brought to Bangalore ?

SRI B. M. PATIL MINISTER OF STATE FOR MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION,;-

(*a*) Since negotiations made with the World Bank to get I.D.A. credit for the implementation of the 60 MGD Cauvery Scheme had failed, an alternative 30 MGD scheme costing Rs. 22·32 Crores for I Stage of the Cauvery Scheme was got sanctioned in September 1967.

The first stage of the project has already commenced and preliminary works in this connection have been taken up. Construction of staff quarters at treatment plant site, including formation of layouts and construction of service roads along the gravity main is nearing completion. In addition, land acquisition for transmission main from Thorekadanahalli to Bangalore is also nearing completion. Remodelling the distribution mains in the City is also under progress. Acquisition of land required for sewerage treatment site, outfall sewers, mains and sub-mains, is under various stages of progress.

Tenders for laying gravity, transmission and trunk mains in the City have been precessed and just finalised.

Tenders for pumping machinery, construction of pumping stations at Tatguni, Harohalli and at treatment plant site at Thorekadanahalli are being called.

(*b*) Yes

(*c*) *Vide* reply to Clause (*a*)

(*d*) It is expected that the project would be completed by the end of 1973 and Cauvery Water would be made available to Bangalore in 1974.

HIGH LEVEL CAUSEWAYS AND BRIDGES IN TIPTUR TALUK

603. SRI V. L. SHIVAPPA (Tiptur):—

Will the Minster for Public Works be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of High Level Causeways or bridges constructed in Tiptur taluk during 1968-69 and 1969-70;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that a causeway near Sasalahally Tiptur Taluk was estimated 8 years ago and it is still pending sanction,

Sri K. LAKKAPPA (Minister for Public Works):—

(*a*) Nil.

(*b*) It was estimated during 1967 by the Superinteding Engineer and it is pending sanction with the Chief Engineer.

NEW GRANT-IN-AID CODE

606. SMT. WINNIFRED F. FERNANDES (Coondapur):—

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the new uniform Grant-in-Aid Code, for aided Primary Schools in the State was issued without inviting suggestions or opinion from the public or the management of Schools;

(*b*) if so, whether Govrnment would be pleased to recodsider the Code, after taking into cousideration, objections. snggestions and opinion. from the public and represantatives of aided school managements?

SRI K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA (Minister for Education).—

(*a*) Suggestions from the Managements or from the public were not formally invited. but the Code has been promulgated to satisfy a longstanding demand from the teachers concerned.

(*b*) Government are already considering the suggestions made by certain representatives of aided school managements in respect of the new Code.

Leave of absence to Sri D. S. NADKARNI—grant of—

MR. SPEAKER:—I have received a letter from Sri D. S. Nadkarni Member, Legislative Assembly. requesting for leave of abscence under sub-rule (2) of Rule 188 of the Rules of procedure and conduct of business in the L. A. from attending the current sittings of the House upto 12th March 1970 due to his ill health.

Is it the pleasure of the Assembly that permission be granted te Shri D. S. Nadkarni to remain absent from attending the current sittings of the Assembly upto 12th March 1970?

HON. MEMBERS : Yes.

Mr. SPEAKER : Permission to remain absent is granted.